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U/S 144 of Criminal Procedure Code, 1973

Whereas, the Goa State Election Commission has announced the schedule for Goa Panchayat Elections and the Model Code of Conduct has come into force on announcement of the said schedule. As required by the directions of the Goa State Election Commission, District Administration is required to ensure free, fair and peaceful conduct of Panchayat Elections in the North Goa District;

And whereas, in my considered opinion there is sufficient ground for proceeding under sub-section (1) of Section 144 of Criminal Procedure Code, 1973, to impose complete ban for carrying of all types of arms and fire arms and lethal weapons within the North Goa District, to ensure a free, fair, peaceful and orderly conduct of the Election process and to prevent any sort of obstructions, annoyance or injury to any person lawfully employed or for conduct of election to prevent any danger to human life, or safety, or disturbance of public tranquility or riot, of any affray during the electioneering period.

And whereas, I am satisfied that the circumstances do not permit serving of the notices individually in time to all the licensed Arms Holders in the District.

Now therefore, I, Mamu Hage, IAS, District Magistrate, North Goa District, Panaji, in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 144 of Cr. P.C. 1973 do hereby prohibit the carrying of all types of arms, fire arms, ammunition, lethal weapons, in any public place, street, road squares, thorough fare, by lanes, or in any open place in entire District of North Goa with immediate effect until further orders;

Further, all the Arms License holders in North Goa District are directed to deposit all their fire arms at the nearest Police Stations of their respective Jurisdiction immediately, on or before 21-07-2022. All the firearms deposited will be returned to the license holders after five days from counting i.e. after the election process is over;

Further, it is also made known that, if any person has a real threat to his or her person/property, he/ /she should approach the Director General of Police for providing necessary security by the Police, but under no circumstances will any person be allowed to carry his own personal firearm/s license or otherwise except with special permission from the undersigned.

However, the above restrictions shall not apply to Public Servants/Police/Defence Personnel and Security Personnel on duty/Sports persons who are members of National Rifle Association of India, unless they are found to be indulging in violence or posing a threat to the maintenance of law and order and peaceful conduct of elections.

Given under my hand and seal of this office on this 16th day of July, 2022.

Panaji.—The District Magistrate & DEO (North),
Mamu Hage, IAS.

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